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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Filing Date	July 18, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michael J. KIRKWOOD
Group Art Unit	2135
Examiner Name	Thomas A. GYORFI
Attorney Docket Number	50325-0529

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)
  - ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☒ Other the Reply to Office Action previously mailed to the USPTO on March 23, 2005.
  - ☐ Enclosed
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply \$ **05/02/2005 SHASSEN1 00000001 09908947**
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) **01 FC:1801 790.00 DP**
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR. § 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
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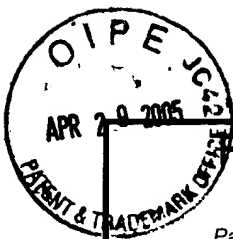
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